

APPROVED: Meeting No. 22-97

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 06-97

January 28, 1997

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 28, 1997, at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Clerk Paula Jewell.

Also present were Community Development Director Neal Herst and Chief of Planning Lisa Rother.

Re: Worksession with the Rockville
Planning Commission to discuss
Central Processing Unit,
Montgomery County
Detention Center

The Mayor and Council met in worksession with the following members of the Planning Commission: Don Boebel, Jane Fry-Emond, Annie Chen Song, Larry Giammo, and Charles Haughey. The Montgomery County government has requested a Use Permit amendment to extend for six months the time during which a trial Central

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Processing Unit (CPU) facility will operate at the Montgomery County Detention Center (MCDC) on Seven Locks Road. The Planning Commission is considering the request on January 29th. After the six month period, the County is planning to request a permanent location for the CPU within the Detention Center facility. Since the CPU issue is closely associated with the reuse of the entire MCDC facility, the Commission requested the Worksession to discuss the issue with the Mayor and Council to understand in more detail the City's position on the MCDC reuse.

Mayor Krasnow noted that Judge Vaughey informed the County that there was no way the Court could constitutionally mandate the transport of released inmates. However, she noted, that the County did change the release time for prisoners from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. There was some discussion about locating a bus stop on site at the jail. There was also discussion about the County's cost in providing taxi vouchers to releasees. The County is requesting that the City of Rockville grant an additional six month extension to the Use Permit. If the City denies the request, they will probably take Rockville to Court. Mr. Boebel suggested that a feasibility study might be a way to show that the CPU should not be located in a residential neighborhood.

Following discussion of the issue, the Mayor and Council reached the following consensus:

1. Grant the County an extension of the Use Permit, with a limited time period (no longer than the six months they are requesting).

2. State the City's willingness to grant the Use Permit if the highrise is torn down. The modular units can stay until a new County-wide facility is operational.
3. Eliminate releases during dusk to dawn.
4. Inquire whether the in-take and transfer processing can be moved to the east side of the facility.

Councilmember Dorsey suggested that other City and County residents needed to get involved in the issue, not just those who immediately reside around MCDC.

The Mayor and Council agreed that there were other issues that should be reiterated to the County:

1. Eliminate all ingress/egress to Seven Locks Road.
2. Erect natural barriers between the site at Seven Locks Road and the neighborhood.
3. Modify the provision regarding the dedicated frequent bus route.
4. Mr. Boebel was asked to work on some language that no permanent decision for the CPU will be made without a commitment to funding the new jail on the Clarksburg site. In other words, any permanent decision regarding a Use Permit will be contingent upon the full use plan.

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The Mayor and Council agreed that holding worksessions with the Planning Commission on specific issues was very helpful. They discussed the idea of having another worksession in the near future to discuss the Montrose Parkway issue.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.